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SUBJECT: US EXPORT CONTROLS ON ANIMAL FEED: REMARKS IN HOUSE  
OF COMMONS

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SUMMARY. CONCERN OVER IMPACT OF CANADA OF US EXPORT  
CONTROLS ON SOYBEANS AND SOYBEAN MEAL WAS PRINCIPAL THEME  
OF QUESTION PERIOD IN HOUSE OF COMMONS JUNE 28. PRIME MINISTER  
AND OTHER GOVERNMENT SPOKESMEN REFUSED TO ANTICIPATE GOC ACTION  
BUT SAID THEY WOULD DO WHATEVER NECESSARY AND MAKE WHATEVER  
REPRESENTATIONS REQUIRED. OPPOSITION MEMBERS HAD SUGGESTED GOC  
IMPOSE ITS OWN EXPORT CONTROLS ON PROTEIN FEEDS AND SEEK  
EXEMPTION FROM US MEASURES IN ORDER TO ASSURE ADEQUATE PROTEIN  
FOOD SUPPLEMENTS FOR CANADIAN LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY AND TO AVERT  
CONSUMER SCARCITIES AND HIGHER PRICES. END SUMMARY.

1. QUESTIONED BY OPPOSITION LEADER STANFIELD ON GOC RESPONSE  
TO US EMBARGO, PRIME MINISTER SAID MATTER RECEIVING CABINET  
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ATTENTION. GOC EXAMINING VARIOUS OPTIONS INCLUDING EXPORT CONTROLS BUT NOT ACTING PRECIPITOUSLY.

2. WHEN FORMER OPPOSITION LEADER DIEFENBAKER SUGGESTED US EMBARGO COULD " PARALYZE" AND VIRTUALLY " KNOCK OUT" CANADIAN LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY INDUSTRY, AGRICULTURE MINISTER WHELAN SAID HE " RECOGNIZED SOME MERIT" IN DIEFENBAKER' S ASSESSMENT. DIEFENBAKER THEN ASKED WHETHER CANADIAN EXPORT EMBARGO ON CERTAIN PROTEIN FEED WAS UNDER CONSIDERATION. WHELAN REPLIED GOC WOULD TAKE WHATEVER ACTION NECESSARY AND MAKE WHATEVER REPRESENTATIONS NECESSARY TO PROTECT CANADIAN INTERESTS. HOWEVER, HE SAID, GOC FIRST NEEDED MORE FACTS ON USG INTENTIONS.

3. ASKED WHETHER GOC IN COMMUNICATIONS WITH USG AND SEEKING EXEMPTION FROM US CONTROLS, WHELAN INDICATED OFFICIALS WERE CONSULTING WITH US COUNTERPARTS BUT HE SAID " IT WOULD BE PRESUMPTUOUS TO SAY NOW WHAT REPRESENTATIONS HAD BEEN MADE OR WHAT RESPONSE RECEIVED."

4. WHEN NEW DEMOCRATIC PARTY AGRICULTURE SPOKESMAN GLEAVE ( SASKATCHEWAN) REFERRED TO " DISORDERLY" CONDITIONS IN US MARKET, WITH USG APPARENTLY UNAWARE OF TOTAL EXPORT COMMITMENTS, MINISTER LANG ( IN CHARGE OF WHEAT BOARD) EXPRESSED SATISFACTION THAT GOC GENERALLY WELL- INFORMED ON CANADIAN EXPORT COMMITMENTS AND SUPPLY QUESTIONS. PRIOR TO QUESTION PERIOD, SPEAKER HAD RULED AGAINST MOTION BY GLEAVE TO RECESS HOUSE TO DISCUSS THREAT TO CANADIAN AGRICULTURE, MEANT, POULTRY AND DAIRY INDUSTRIES FROM US EXPORTS CONTROLS. SPEAKER SAID HE DID NOT QUESTION IMPORTANCE OF MATTER BUT URGENCY THAT IT BE IMMEDIATELY DEBATED.  
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